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Nisei Protest Exclusion From Army Training

VANCOUVER, B. C. — Protesting against the Federal Government's decision that Canadians of Japanese origin will be exempt for the present from military duties, the Japanese Canadian Citizens' League, Tuesday night wired Prime Minister Mackenzie King, asking that the same treatment be given to the second generation Japanese as to every other citizen.

Meeting here at the Nippon Club, representatives from some 25 Nisei organizations in the Lower Mainland and young men between the age of 21 and 24 unanimously upheld the resolution of protest.

Moved by Yoshiaki Sato, formerly a private in the Westminster Regiment, and Tatsuro Suzuki, Delta-East Richmond-Surrey JCCL, the resolution climaxed a discussion of two hours.

Issei Support Move

Warm endorsation of the move was heard from representatives R. Ide and B. Hisaoka of the Canadian Japanese Association, first generation community association.

Opening the meeting, Chairman Dr. E. C. Banno traced in brief the development of Canada's military service acts. Second generation, he said, had fully expected that they would be called upon to train in camps along with other Canadians. The pronouncement of the Federal Government exempting Nisei from such duties came as a complete surprise.

Answering a query as to what were the probable reasons behind the government's action, Dr. Banno felt that it has resulted principally in response to local pressure upon federal authorities. Sweeping national policy, he declared, had often to be modified to conform to local conditions.

Although he did not feel that the protest would make the government revise its policy, he felt it important that the Nisei should make their stand clear to the government and public.

Endorse Protest

Delegates from various centres endorsed the chairman's remarks, and were enthusiastic in their desire to explore other ways and means of contributing to the war effort.

University students present declared that they were satisfied with the decision of University authorities that they should continue training.

Elected to a committee to draft a full statement of the attitude of the second generation were Jin Ide, Yoshio Terada, Dr. E. C. Banno, Kazuhiko Oyama, Yoichi Kato, Hideo Takahashi, Kunio Shimizu and Thomas Shoyama. This statement will be submitted formally to the Federal Government.

Text of Resolution

Text of the resolution adopted reads:

WHEREAS, Canadian citizens of Japanese origin in British Columbia have long sought to be accepted as full citizens in every sense of the word, enjoying all privileges and ful-

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School Officials Present Case To Mayor Information Already Filed At Victoria

VANCOUVER, Jan. 17. — Officials of the B. C. Japanese Language School Association today interviewed Mayor J. W. Cornett, submitting an official statement on the question of the question of the Japanese language schools following the City Council's move against these institutions early this week.

The statement made a strong denial that the schools are maintained by the Japanese government, pointing out that the schools are registered at Victoria. Operating expenses, it declares, are paid for by tuition fees. Although the same text books are used here as in Japan, because of the impossibility of obtaining other books, the curriculum is entirely different, the statement continues.

A knowledge of the Japanese language is essential for family relations, it contends, and is a practical asset in securing employment. The primary aim in educating Canadian - born Japanese should be to assist them in becoming good citizens, and this is the conscious policy adopted in the language school, the statement concludes.

Comprising the delegation which interviewed the Mayor were Tsutae Sato, principal of the Alexander School; Dr. M. Ishiwara, chairman of the Association, and Yoshimitsu Higashi of The New Canadian.

Provincial Supervision

It was also revealed today that the Association officials had contacted the Provincial

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Wilson Leads Attack On Language Schools

VANCOUVER, B.C.—Abrogation of the "Gentlemen's Agreement" permitting yearly immigration of 150 Japanese into Canada and the investigation of Japanese language schools with a view to outlawing them is the purpose of a resolution to Ottawa being prepared by a special committee formed at the last meeting of the City Council, Monday.

Prime instigator of the Council's action was Alderman H. D. Wilson, who scored the further entry of Japanese into Canada as the "height of folly" before those who were now here were properly assimilated.

In attacking Japanese language schools, Mr. Wilson charged that they were subsidized by the Japanese government and that the curriculum was the same as was taught in Manchuria, Korea and Formosa and set by the Japanese educational department.

Japanese children, he said, were compelled to attend these schools. The text books, of which he produced a copy, he declared, praised the Japanese military machine and fostered the "spirit of sword-rattling now so popular in Japan."

"I do not suggest that there is anything subversive about this training, but if we are going to make good Canadians out of young Japanese we can not let this continue," Ald. Wilson contended.

"CECE" OKAWARA energetic program director for the Nisei Talent Revue, who was gratified to a complete sell-out tickets three days before the date of the amateur contest.

Strathcona Old Boys To Hold Re-union

Back, back will turn the clock! Back through the dismal thirties to the gaiety of the roaring twenties and the pulsing pre-war years. Old days, old faces, old times they'll all come to life again when the old boys and old girls of Strathcona Public School gather for their first reunion.

Several distinguished guests, including the Superintendent of Vancouver Schools, the Japanese Consul, former principals and teachers are expected to be present at the Fuji Chop Suey, February 6, at 6 p.m.

The reunion will be open to every former student who attended the school prior to 1930.

Dr. George Ishiwara and Eddie Kitagawa head the committee in charge.

Nisei U.B.C. Students Still On The March

Nisei students of the University are pleased at the announcement made by Col. G. M. Shrum and President L. S. Klinck that they are to continue with military training, a canvas by The New Canadian indicated.

Every male student at the University is now undergoing six hours of lectures and parade drill, while a small number of seniors and graduates are enrolled in the Officers' Training Corps.

Commenting on the recent government announcement that Japanese would be exempt from compulsory training, President Klinck said that "the senate has made a ruling that all able students must take military training.

Citizen Donates $100 To National Defence

Added to the ever-mounting total of voluntary contributions to Canada's defence made by individuals and organizations in Japanese communities throughout the Province was a donation made yesterday by Komohachi Komakichi Uyesugi, well-known local sawmill and lumber man.

Yesterday, Mr. Uyesugi visited the offices of the Canadian Japanese Association, and left behind him $100 in cash, to be forwarded to the Department of National Defence.

"The senate is not likely to make any change unless requested by the government to do so and I do not believe such a request will be made.

NISEI TALENT REVUE

With a complete sell-out of tickets for the Talent Revue the public is urged to arrive at the hall at an early hour to secure good seats. Owing to the heavy demand of tickets, no one will be admitted at the gate unless they have a ticket. Saturday's tickets must be used Saturday night and will not be good on Sunday, and vice versa in the case of Sunday tickets.

On The Newsfront

Mitsui to Head Japanese Veterans' Association

VANCOUVER.—Masumi Mitsui, a sergeant in the last war, was chosen to head the Japanese branch of the Canadian Legion at the annual meeting of the organization held last Sunday. Other officers elected are: T. Okutsu, vice-president; T. Kurota, treasurer; S. Sato, secretary; I. Uyehama, assistant-secretary; S. Kubota and R. Kobayashi, auditors.

Japan to Strive for Peace in the Pacific

TOKYO.—Informed sources reported here that Premier Prince Konoye has assured parliamentarians and business and industrial leaders in a series of conference that the goverment would do everything in its power to avoid conflict with Great Britain or the U. S.

Police Make Clean-up in L. A. Gambling Raids

LOS ANGELES. — In sweeping raids last week, vice officers broke into gambling houses throughout this city and effected a wholesale clean-up in one fell swoop.

In the Japanese section of the city, police broke into the Tokyo Club and arrested some 150 patrons for booking and questioning. Held was H. Yamatoda, listed as operator of the once-powerful Tokyo Club. It was believed that this latest purge would reduce gambling in the Japanese community to a new low level.

Nisei Return to U.S. Under New Nationality Act

SEATTLE.—A general movement of American Nisei now resident in Japan back to the U. S. was expected to begin shortly with the new U.S. Nationality Act in effect. Under the new law, the Nisei in Japan are in danger of losing their American citizenship if they remain in Japan for over six months from January 12.

Thousands of Americans Leave The Far East

WASHINGTON.—The exodus of Americans from the Orient in response to State Department advice has brought all but 1,200 out of Japan, officials disclosed. More than 8000 were in Japan three months ago.

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The Language Question

"AFTER careful study of the entire question, it is the opinion of the committee, and in this the government fully shares, that the most serious danger in the British Columbia situation is that arising from ill-informed attacks against the loyalty and integrity of the Oriental population. Some weeks ago such attacks were widespread and public opinion was aroused in a manner that was prejudicial to the welfare of the community as a whole."

Scarcely a week ago the Prime Minister pronounced these words, indicating in no uncertain terms just how the government felt about certain local politicians who have ridden to public fame upon an abused and harried Japanese Canadian minority.

Alderman Wilson's answer to the official statement of the Federal Government has been to launch out again in a vicious campaign upon the Japanese Language School, in a desperate effort to "save face."

Yet so grossly inaccurate and ill-informed has been his attack that the Vancouver daily press has not hesitated to seek the other side of the story, to reveal the attack for the trumped-up, political skull-duggery that it is.

It would be pointless here to elaborate still further upon the familiar facts of the Japanese Language School, the necessary and essential function it fulfills in our changing community, the sincere attempts it has consciously made to reconcile the teaching of a foreign language with the fostering of Canadian ideals. These facts are self-evident; they are there for the satisfaction of reporter, civic official or government commission.

In point of fact the Provincial Department of Education, by virtue of the powers conferred upon it at the last session of the British Columbia Legislature, is already moving to supervise the conduct of all private language schools in the province.

What is important to—us and to every Canadian at this time is to assess Mr. Wilson and his policy at its true level. He is reported to espouse the cause of "making good Canadians out of young Japanese" and of "harmony between the two races in Canada." From our point of view, our experience, our intimate grasp of the whole situation, it is doubtful if any private or public figure in Canada, Japanese or Occidental, any institution or legislation, any economic or political trend has done more to turn loyal Canadians of Japanese ancestry away from loyalty to Canada, or to rouse a greater and more bitter feeling of disharmony between the two races than this same evil force in Vancouver's City Council.

Military Exemption

A significant note was struck by the chairman at the meeting of representatives from various second generation organizations, which Tuesday night dispatched a telegram to the Federal Government p r o t e s t i n g against exclusion from military training in the Canadian army.

Replying to the assertion that any protest on the part of the Nisei would be quite useless, the chairman agreed that it was not likely to alter the decision of the Federal Government. But, he declared, it was important that a minority group of Canadian citizens of Japanese origin should gather together, discuss the matter, and make known their views upon the question—regardless of the policy laid down by the elected representatives of the majority of Canadian citizens.

Such action, he suggested, and rightfully so, is akin to the very ideal for which we believe we are at war today—the right to gather for free exchange of opinions, the right to arrive at a decision contrary to the will of the majority, and the right to make that decision known freely and without fear of repression.

As a minority group in Canada, progressive, intelligent, harbouring no illusions of racial inferiority or superiority, we must yield to no individual and to no principle in upholding the democratic way of life. We owe it to ourselves and to our descendants that no individual in Canada will be prepared to make greater sacrifices in the war for democracy today. If we see about us in all too many instances how that democracy actually is betrayed, it must resound as a clarion call to us, demanding greater service in the defence of democracy—whether it be in smoke-filled political halls in British Columbia or upon blood-sodden battlefields in Europe.

That, whether we choose to admit it or not, must be the guiding principle that nothing can break. That, whether Canadians recognize it or not, must be the way of life that our minority group will defend, be it against prejudiced politicians or power-mad dictators.

That, indeed, is the spirit in which the second generation Japanese have asked for their rightful place in the war today—the right to march shoulder to shoulder with their fellow citizens in the defence of the ideal which means even more to us than to the average privileged Canadian because we have not yet achieved it.

WHY . . .

Why have we turned this way?
Why do we walk where leaves are falling,
where no flower blooms, no bird is calling,
and even Time itself is palling?
why have we turned this way?

Does Winter's wistful questioning
invoke the answering voice of Spring—
when every bird will deeper sing,
because the woods once silent were,
because the trees have once been bare,
and sorrow comes to make more fair
delight in everything?

Why have we turned this way?
why have we chosen thus to die,
poison the earth, pollute the sky,
and every law of life defy?
why have we turned this way?

Will the pain of tribulation
be the birth-pangs of the nation
to a life of dedication—
when even love will greater be,
because hate's arrogant decree
once uttered such dire deformity,
such positive negation?

Asozu

★ Letters To The Editor

Mr. Yatabe's Defence

Editor, The New Canadian—Dear Sir: When I read in the Letters to Editor of January 10, "Slum or Otherwise" written by "Disgusted Audience" it struck me that here was a typical instance of the super-sensitiveness of the Nisei. We Niseis are notorious for interpreting unintentional remarks as insults.

The speaker referred to, I am certain, had no intention of insulting the community, when he used the term "slum." If he knew how sensitive some people are, he probably would not have called it a slum. "Disgusted Audience" should be more tolerant, especially when he knows that the speaker was debating for one side of the resolution.

Speaking of slums, I wonder what "Disgusted Audience" thinks of some of the dilapidated homes and filthy quarters a number of Japanese who are on city relief live in. All is not as he thinks it is in the community, as reference to the Social Service Department of the city will prove. To "Disgusted Audience" I would suggest that he be not so satisfied with the community and do his bit in bettering the general standard of living.

D. W.

City.

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Editor, The New Canadian—Dear Sir: There appeared in your last week's issue a letter by "Disgusted Audience," in which the author expresses his irritation at some of my remarks during the recent inter-collegiate debate.

Before anything else, Mr. Editor, I should like to commend him for attending the debate. It is good to know some people do take an interest in such things, even more so when they have the fire in them to let the public know their reactions.

My major crime, according to him, is that I had insulted the Japanese community, when, apparently without proper knowledge of the word "slum," I represented the community as such. Let me vindicate myself immediately. In the first place, any idea at all of insulting the community was remote from my mind. In the second place, to the extent of reading through encyclopaedia articles, various books and booklets on sociology and ecology and on interviewing professors and a social service worker, I do comprehend the significance of the word.

It is rather he, "Disgusted Audience," who does not know. What he quoted is true, but it is incomplete. He is looking at the problem from the point of view of population type, and that only. There is another aspect equally important, and that is according to land usage, i.e., housing conditions and proximity of industrial concerns. In this latter respect, "The Japanese Canadians," by Young, Reid and Carrothers, p. 64, bears me out well.

Now "Disgusted Audience" has denied the existence of the poor or the vicious, criminal classes in the Japanese community. Social service statistics have shown me, however, that even if almost negligible in number, those Japanese receiving charity are concentrated in the "Nihonmachi." His second point I admit as being true. In fact, the remarkable lowness of the Japanese delinquency rate for a slum area is an exceptional paradox. It is generally attributed to the rigid control of Japanese family codes and of various Japanese institutions.

As I pointed out in the debate, the conduct is splendid at present, but what of the future? With declining parental control and with greater Canadianization, the chances are great that the child in the "Nihon-machi" would absorb the evil ways of the less savoury districts surrounding his home. He will, in fact, become just the type of slum-dweller which "Disgusted Audience" is probably picturing in his mind. This idea is not an original one of mine; I have borrowed it from many authorities, including Judge Helen MacGill of the Vancouver Juvenile Court. My point was, however, that the Japanese should move out among more respectable neighbours, before such a calamity takes place.

It is my hope that "Disgusted Audience" sees my points. If he be still stubborn, both my colleague and myself, provided the author step out from behind the veil of his pseudonym will be glad to meet him in a friendly discussion.

Minoru Yatabe.

Vancouver.

★ For a' That

By T. M. K.

ABOUT this registration business . . . I was asked what I thought of it.

My first reaction, as the last week's editorial put it, was one of "irritation and resentment . . ." That was before I had come to the paragraph saying that the Chinese had been so registered some years back. I hadn't known that, and I thought in my little mind thusly: If the Chinese could stand being registered, I can. Pity the black-eyed, black-haired Oriental! It isn't enough that he stands out sharply against a white-skinned, pale-haired majority, but he must also be registered over and over to make sure and doubly sure that all the others can see of him is all that there is to be seen. (Phew! that used up my breath!)

Our good friends, the Daily Province, started the ball rolling some time back in unfurling the standard of "liberty, equality, fraternity" for the sake of their slant-eyed (are we really slant-eyed?) brethren. Not to be outdone in justice, the Sun and the Herald followed suit, and we have a nice collection of friendly editorials, for which I am sure we are duly grateful.

It must confound our plain John Citizen to hear some people rant about kind, wheresoever born, then in the the perfidy of the Japanese—of any breath to read that . . . oh, no, it is the Japanese in Japan who is treacherous, and the poor Japanese in Canada ought to be pitied. Pro and con are shunted "for and aft" with dazzling agility, and in truth, poor us, we stand bewildered.

Well, if it will console the Canadian public to have us re-registered, triply so, within a few months, we can stand repeating again our name, birthplace, age, sex, married or not, working or not, our intentions, etc., etc. Perhaps the taxation is justified. I wouldn't know, not being a mathematician or a politician. I just pay. Can I help it?

I remember reading a long time ago Captain Lew Wallace's "Ben-Hur," in which story Simonides the Jew, and Esther, his lovely daughter, who eventually became Madame Ben-Hur, had the name-plates proving their bondage hung around their necks. Of course we are not slaves, nor ever shall be. Neither does the ordinary citizen contemplate reducing us to that status. Still, must we always have with us a little white card, to prove to any suspicious officer or politician who might inquire that we are bona fide Canadians?

Most likely I shall misplace mine, and wonder in which pocket I put it last.

The Quality of Loyalty

([illegible] "Letter[illegible]" of the Ottawa Evening Citizen by [illegible] [illegible] reply to charges of Japanese Canadian disloyalty [illegible] by Austin F. Cross. Excerpts from this article were [illegible] in The New Canadian.)

I desire to dissent from some of the criticisms and conclusions expressed by Mr. Austin Cross in his article, "Yellow Peril on the Pacific Coast," published in your edition of Saturday, December 28.

It is indeed regrettable that a newspaper writer, after visiting Vancouver and other centres in British Columbia for a short space of a few days, should make an undisguised statement that the B. C. Japanese are not loyal to Canada only on the strength of what he had heard from a few politicians and others. It is to be remembered that in the past many none too scrupulous politicians have built their political fortune on the exploitation of the "yellow peril" bogey, supported by their knowledge that they are safe from any political retaliation from the victims of their unfair and slanderous attacks, the disenfranchised Japanese Canadians. It is an interesting fact that when developments seemed to indicate last autumn that the Japanese Canadians would be included in the compulsory military training together with other Canadians, the Vancouver City Council sent hurried appeals to Ottawa asking that franchise be not granted to the Japanese Canadians for participating in home defence. Incidentally, the general feeling of the Japanese Canadians at that time was that although certain citizenship rights have been denied them, they were willing to discharge their obligations as citizens of Canada.

A further instance of the unfairness of bigoted and intolerant politicians is furnished by a statement reported in Vancouver Daily Province as being made by Mr. R. L. Maitland in the last session of the B. C. Legislature. In stating that he was opposed to Orientals having the vote even if they were registered as British subjects and serving in Canada's armed forces, he said, "The principle of allowing Orientals to vote is wrong. They do not understand Canadian government sufficiently to take part in our legislation." It seems to me that the honourable leader of the B. C. Conservatives is not the only one who dogmatically asserts racial superiority, and if I may say, his statement is a gross effrontery to the educational system of British Columbia, which trained us. I was born in British Columbia and received all my education in that province.

The story repeated by Mr. Cross that many young men go to Japan for four or five years to serve in the Japanese army or navy, I would like to say is untrue. There are none among my friends who have gone to Japan to return again to Canada for the specific purpose of discharging Japanese military or naval obligations.

Mr. Cross, with indignation, which is quite just and proper, says: "This is the country (Canada) they ought to be training in, not over in Japan." I heartily agree with him that Japanese Canadians should train in Canada, and I can assure him that they are most willing to undergo this training with other fellow-Canadians. But they are prevented from serving through no fault of their own.

In September, Japanese Canadians in the affected age groups were notified to report for medical examination under the compulsory military training regulation. However, they were not called into camp along with other Canadian youth in the first or the second draft on the ground advanced by military officers that the most efficient way of training Japanese Canadians would be to organize them in platoons by themselves because of physical standards and language difficulties.

The use by Mr. Cross of a literary expedient to say that he is not talking about those who become loyal, law-abiding citizens serves his purpose well; but it is not fair to conclude and generalize in such a way that the whole body of the Japanese Canadians is made to appear disloyal to Canada. I consider myself just as loyal a Canadian as any average Occidental Canadian. I am confident that we can prove ourselves good citizens of Canada if a fair chance is given us to demonstrate our loyalty; and I ask that passing of any judgment on us be reserved until that chance is given.

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Weekly Whirligig

By K. W.

Sword-rattling Samurai . . . All the kids in the hotel tonight are having a whale of a time. Someone had a birthday party with cake and candles and candies, and the dark drab room down the hall for a moment rocked with life it's never known before.

Now they're out in the hall, exploiting every angle of a tinker-toy set, parading around to the tunes of their own shrill voices, outjamming Artie Shaw on their tinker-toy clarinets. Suddenly two of the biggest and strongest boys, all of 3 foot 6, and tipping the scales at 50 pounds stripped, set to in a breath-taking duel. Wielding their tinker-toy broadswords with right good arms, clash, clash, clash is the ring of steel on steel.

The little girls march around in noisy admiration, jamming and jiving for all their might, until I can concentrate no longer. I rush to the door, and yell, "Mr. Wilson will get you!"

A breathless hush . . .

And then . . . . "Ah, the heart is fled from the battle's zest!" And the sword-rattling samurai flee down the hall, the little girls hard on their heels. Behind them, strewn over the floor, lie tinker-toy clarinet and tinker-toy sabre, mute, inglorious symbols of "yamato-damashi."

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Gentlemen's Agreement . . . It makes us all feel good to see an organ as powerful and influential as the Vancouver Province taking the stand for the Nisei it has. At long last we have won friends who understand the real Japanese question —the problem of absorbing a growing generation of Japanese Canadians into the Canadian body politic.

On one point, however, I think they are unnecessarily upset, and unnecessarily severe. Although they grant that the "Gentlemen's Agreement" has been rigidly honoured and that in past years the quota has not been filled, they still regard the trickle of Japanese immigration as a threat to British Columbia.

Admitting that there are strong arguments in favour of abrogating the Agreement, I am still absolutely opposed to a policy of complete exclusion. We still have very close ties of blood with the old land, simple human ties which would be broken off completely by such an unnecessarily drastic policy. There are yet cases where relatives in the old land have closer ties to residents here than to anyone elsewhere, and to demand exclusion to shut out every last Japanese immigrant would impose needless hardship in a few, but very important cases.

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Sirois Conference . . . I've been asking this question among my friends and acquaintances, among whom supposedly are numbered some of our so-called Nisei intellectuals.

"What do you think of the Sirois Conference, and the attitude of Hepburn, Pattullo and Aberhart?" All I get is a "huh?" and a blank stare.

It's a typical instance of our own Nisei narrow-mindedness. We read all the angles on the Japanese question in the local press, but beyond that only the sports page and the comic section seem important.

Nisei Seek a Literary Spokesman

The Japanese and Chinese in America still seek their literary spokesman. William Saroyan, the Fresno Armenian, is an important American writer and certainly one of the most-discussed of the tale-weavers. But he has never forgotten his Armenian ancestry and his contributions to an obscure Armenian weekly, the Hairenik, have made it an important literary publication. The Armenians also have A. I. Bezzerides, who wrote the novel, "The Long Haul," a story of men who drive truck farming in Central California, and Leon Surmelian, whose work has been encouraged by the success of Saroyan.

Adamic and the Nisei

Louis Adamic has never forgotten the fact that he is a latter-day immigrant from Europe, arriving in the United States at the age of fourteen. One of his finest books was "The Return of a Native," the story of the return of this immigrant boy to the land of his birth.

Adamic's sympathy with the problems of these immigrant peoples has been crystallized in his latest books, "From Many Lands," one of the greatest stories under the sun, the story of the coming and the meeting of scores of different peoples, in so brief a period on the vast and beautiful American continent, and in his editorship of the new magazine, "Common Ground," which, incidentally, will publish Nisei writers.

In the past decade Nisei writing has emerged from out the cocoons of the literary sections of the Japanese vernacular newspapers and many Nisei are making a bid for national recognition. Stimulated by the successes of the Saroyans, these Nisei are writing no longer for a Nisei audience but for the world outside the Little Tokyos.

In most cases their special stocks in trade are racism and regionalism, literary wares for which there is a demand in American journals. Foremost in this group as far as published work is concerned is Toshio Mori of San Leandro, a U.C. graduate whose stories and sketches, all concerned with the Nisei in America, have appeared in Coast magazines, Writer's Forum, New Directions, and The Clipper. In the last-mentioned appeared a dialogue between two Nisei, one Japanese and the other a Chinese, with the Saroyanesque title, "1, 2, 3, 4, Who Are We For."

Nisei Social Problems

America, looking to her racial origins, pictures its Japanese as being something on the order of Hashimura Togo, Wallace Irwin's caricature of the Japanese schoolboy. The impression has persisted through the years. The Japanese migratory workers of Cary McWilliams' "Factories in the Field," the abalone fishermen of Anthony Autumn's Scribner's story of several years back, the tuna fishers of the coast ports, the truck drivers, the swampers in the wholesale produce terminals, the under-paid clerks in the art goods stores, the small farmers, the cannery workers, the laborers in the pineapple plantations of Hawaii and the longshoremen and the girl barbers of Honolulu, these are the real prototypes of the U.S. Japanese. This is the world he can present to America. After all, this, too, is America.

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Town Topics . . .

GAKUYUKAI EXECUTIVE

A meeting of the Gakuyukai Executive Board will be held at the Japanese School on January 24, at 7:30 p.m. All members are requested to attend.

BRIDAL SHOWER

Miss Kimiko Yamamura, who recently announced her engagement to Mr. Toru Tsuji, was the recipient of many beautiful and useful gifts when she was honoured at a miscellaneous shower party at the home of Miss Meyko Yanagizawa last Sunday.

Complimenting Miss Yamamura were the Misses Fiko Haraga, Sumiye Kanamaru, Hatsuko Kunitomo, Kiyo Obokata, Masaye Omoto, Katie Oyama, Sumi Takata, Toyoko Yamamura, Meyko Yanagizawa and Mrs. Tomie Ono and Mrs. Yasuye Tsukayama.

An open supper banquet and dance was also held in honour of the bride-elect at New Pier on Thursday evening.

FAIRVIEW ELECTIONS

At the twenty-first annual meeting held last Sunday at the Fairview Buddhist Temple, Mr. Takeo Kitamura was chosen prexy for the Fairview Y.M.B.A. Mr. Kitamura succeeds Mr. Toshio Nishikawa.

Assisting the newly-elected president will be the following:

Secretaries: Sakuzo Furukawa and Shunzo Yamamoto; treasurers: Chuta Ebata and Seiichi Ichien; auditors, Tatsuzo Tanaka and Yoshimi Yoshimoto; Sunday School supervisor, Masao Nakamura; English recording secretary, Shoichi Takayama.

Nominees for the chairmen of the various committees are: Tomio Nishikawa, Sanya Tanaka, Yoshinori Nishimura, Masao Tsukada, Kazuo Ohashi, Hisao Kondo, Iwao Tsukada, Hideo Tanaka, Heijiro Tehata and Tetsuo Mori.

FUKUOKA SEINENKAI

The 8th Annual General Meeting of the Fukuoka Seinenkai will be held at the Fuji on January 26th, commencing 4 p.m. The business meeting will be followed by a New Year Social.

Members and friends are urged to attend.

BON VOYAGE

Among the people who are booking passage for Japan, is Yuji Korenaga, B. Com., who is leaving Friday, January 17, aboard the Hikawa Maru, for an indefinite visit to the Orient.

A farewell party in his honour was held by his friends at the Cave on Wednesday evening.

PIANO EXAM RESULTS

Among the successful candidates in the examinations of the Associated Board of the Royal Schools of Music given December, were two Niseiettes. Miss Kazuko Shinobu achieved distinction in Grade 3 while Miss Eileen Uyehara of New Westminster was successful in passing the examination for Grade 2 (Music Grammar). Congratulations.

Calendar

JANUARY

17—Chichibukai Meeting, Japanese School, 7:30 p.m.
18-19 — Nisei Talent Revue, Japanese Hall.
24—Gakuyukai Executive Meeting, Japanese School, 7:30 p.m.
26—Fukuoka Seinenkai, 8th Annual Meeting and Social, Fuji, 4 p.m.

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These Busy Matrimonial Seas . . .

OOTO-DESHIMA

Of widespread interest in Vancouver and the Fraser Valley is the announcement of the engagement of Chiyo, third daughter of Mr. T. Deshima and the late Mrs. Deshima, to Mr. Takeo Ooto, only son of Mr. and Mrs. Tokusaburo Ooto of Haney. The engagement was announced recently at a gathering of close friends and relatives at the Fuji.

Mr. and Mrs. E. Morii and Mr. and Mrs. R. Kudo of Mission were the nakodos.

KANNO-MASUDA

The engagement is announced of Margaret Kanoe, eldest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Sakae Masuda, 343 West 5th Ave., to Mr. Richard Tsugio Kanno, second son of Mr. and Mrs. Z. Kanno, 1615 West 3rd Ave.

Mr. and Mrs. K. Sato and Mr. and Mrs. K. Tamura were the baishakunins for the betrothal.

ADACHI-KADONAGA

At a private party at the home of the groom-elect, the engagement of Sumiko, eldest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. T. Kadonaga of Celtic Cannery, to Mr. Kenji Adachi, second son of Mr. and Mrs. R. Adachi of Blordel, was announced.

SHIGEMATSU-SAITO

The announcement is made by Mrs. Chise Saito of the engagement of her eldest daughter, Yuriko, to Mr. Sunao Shigematsu, eldest son of Mr. and Mrs. Shigematsu.

Wedding vows will be exchanged in April in the Steveston Japanese United Church.

MORI-HARADA

At 4 o'clock at the Kitsilano Bukkyokai, on January 18, Miss Satoko Harada and Mr. Kanichi Mori will exchange marriage vows with Rev. R. Tachibana officiating.

In the evening a reception will be held for the bride and groom at the Fuji.

SHINDE-KAWANO

At the home of the groom-elect, before a gathering of close friends and relatives, on Tuesday, January 21, at 5 p.m., Masako, second daughter of Mr. and Mrs. M. Kawano, will be given in marriage to Mr. Isamu Shinde, fourth son of Mr. and Mrs. Y. Shinde of Steveston.

A reception has been arranged for the young people.

Rev. D. Katatsu will officiate.

OTANI-MUKAI

At 4 p.m. January 19, the Fuji will be the setting for the marriage of Miss Yoshiko Mukai to Mr. Tsunehiro Otani. A reception will follow the ceremony.

The baishakunins are Mr. and Mrs. K. Mizuguchi of Steveston.

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J.S.C. Calling All Budding Orators!

By P. F. Y.

ORATORY — that ability to speak fluently on any subject — is increasingly becoming needful in the Nisei community. The need, however, must materialize in actual expression.

Just as air compressed into a steel chamber is of no material use if kept there indefinitely, so if lofty ideals and thoughts are cloistered in the steel chambers of secrecy, they will be of no benefit to the community unless they are expressed publicly on platform.

High School students! Give vent to your youthful ideas at the Oratorical Contest on February 8 at the Japanese Hall. Thrill the audience with your golden voices! Imagine the ovation you will receive. Take pride in owning a medal for oratory! Imagine winning the Nemichi Challenge Trophy!

Students of grades 9 to 12 and senior matriculation are eligible.

Budding orators! Send your entries with your full name, address, phone number, school, grade and topic of your speech (if possible) to Dave Shiozaki, 341 East Hastings Street. The deadline is February 1. So hurry! Hurry! Hurry!

"Service"

(Continued from page 1)

filling all responsibilities of such citizenship;

AND WHEREAS the Federal Government has adopted a policy of regarding such citizens as different from and apart from Occidental Canadians by debarring them from the performance of military service;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that this meeting of Japanese Canadians in Vancouver and adjacent districts again pledges its loyalty to the Dominion; and requests of the Federal Government that the same treatment in regard to military training and service as is accorded to Canadian citizens of Occidental origin be accorded to Canadian citizens of Japanese origin.

Represented at the meeting were the following organizations: Steveston J. C. C. A., Steveston Y.P.S., New Westminster Do-So-Kai, Tairiku Club, Celtic Cannery Y.M.A., Delta - East Richmond - Surrey JCCL, and Joryu Kando-bu, Maple Ridge JCCL, Vancouver JCCL, Mikado Seinenkai, Okayama Seinenkai, Kumamoto Seinenkai, Kyuhin Seinenkai, Koriyo Seinenkai, Hompa Y. M. B. A., Kitsilano Y.M.B.A., Kitsilano Koyukai, Gakuyukai, Bussei Baseball League, Powell Y.P.S., Seikokai A.Y.P.A., Japanese Students' Club, University Alumni, and the National JCCL.

"Language"

(Continued from page 1)

Department of Education before the City Council's move with a view to the establishment of supervision by the Council of Public Instruction.

The Council was conferred wide powers of inspection and control over private language schools of all kinds, by amendments to the Public School Act at the last session of the B. C. Legislature.

Officials of the Association had previously interviewed the Deputy Minister and Superintendent of Education, A. J. Willis. A formal application for permission to conduct the Alexander School has already been filed, and now awaits the consideration of the Hon. G. M. Weir upon his return from the Sirois Conference in Ottawa.

Complete details of the school, the curriculum and course of instruction, teaching personnel, and data on the pupils is filed with the Department in Victoria.

The Language School Association, it was indicated, will itself facilitate the registration of Japanese schools throughout the Province by translating the English forms into Japanese. All schools, however, must file individual registration forms.

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Girls, now is the time to visit Modiste's on Granville Street, to add freshness to your wardrobe! Mr. Shimo-Takahara has put his entire stock of garments for the January Clearances, at extravagantly slashed prices. Here is an opportunity to purchase a stunning formal for that busy whirl of dances and parties to be held in the next few months. And there are dozens of day-time dresses for your afternoon teas and evening dates. And a tip from the genial proprietor: Coat prices will rise in the new year, so this is your last chance to buy one at the price you can afford to pay. Remember to drop in at Modiste's tomorrow!

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A Nisei Looks at—

The Japanese Language School

JAPANESE school as I experienced it in a small community, if it left any sort of influence upon me, was, ironically, one which made me more staunchly Canadian than before attendance at that worthy institution. Not that Japanese school forcibly crammed "yamato damashi" down my unwilling throat, or eulogized the glories of Japan to the detriment of my beloved Canada, but simply because I was born Canadian, lived Canadian, and thought Canadian that the learning of anything so alien as Japanese was a necessary duty from which I escaped at every available opportunity.

Glancing back over my adolescent years, which I so reluctantly spent—an hour or two, that is—in tracing the intricate characters, in mouthing parrot-like the sounds which were emitted from the lips of the instructor, I think how futile, how wasted were the teacher's efforts.

CONDITIONED ALLERGY TO JAPANESE

as far as I am concerned. For nothing very much remains but a "conditioned" allergy to the study of the Japanese language, which persists even to this day, and memories of youthful pranks at the expense of the long-suffering teacher. And no school teacher suffered more!

It seems that we possessed a sadistic capacity for tormenting the teacher. And in that small community of ours, we saw a continual changing in the personnel of the staff. And if they left no definite impression upon our minds, each of us left an indelible impression on them.

I remember one frosty afternoon. Some of the fellows arrived earlier than the rest, stuffed up the chimney with paper, and started a fire in the old iron stove. And amid much choking and coughing and streaming of eyes, the whole class denied their guilt, and school was dismissed for the day.

I remember experiencing a twinge of conscience, and feeling even a bit sorry for the old fellow, as he tried to maintain a professorial dignity which was out of keeping with the situation, and I glanced up at him, caught his eye, and smiled in a kind of sympathy, feeling in a way,

BLUNTLY HE WAS A STICK

too, that the fellows had been a little too rough on the man—after all, he was a teacher from Japan, and therefore couldn't help it if he was a bit of a bore.

The next moment saw him bounding down the aisle like a much be-ruffled rooster. He grabbed me by the scuff of my neck and bore me out of the room. What ensued between us will remain a secret between us for the rest of my days. He was a "stick," to put it bluntly.

Between pranks we managed to cover the required text-books, two a year, blissfully forgetting the last as we commenced on the new. We later studied, that is, the regular fellows didn't. We learned little, and cared less. "Amaterasu O-mikami," "Meiji Jingu," "Ujigami Sama," were tongue-twisters, and the exploits of old Japanese heroes, with their winged arrows, and their long-unbroken line of dynasties, were as unintelligible to us as French would be to an Eskimo.

And it was rather like a slap in the face—a slur to our intelligence—to sit down to read about "Uchi no akachan wa ii ko da yo," or "hina ga saku," at the age, when most of us, in grade 7 or 8 at public school, were already studying the social schemes of the empire or being enthralled by the deeds of black Roderick Dhu or the fair-haired Saxon Ivanhoe. It was too much like serving a virile man, accustomed to dining on steak and onions, a diet of condensed milk.

Casting a backward glance at my stubborn self, at my equally stubborn comrades, I cannot blame the child I was and the comrades

A GLANCE BACKWARDS

that were, for their obstinacy and their disobedience. Those pranks, that general lack of interest, that apparent "dont care" attitude — these were a revolt against a whole set-up we did not, could not understand. Hence not cope with it.

The manners and customs, the objects and situations out of which Japanese reading material was woven, had for me very little significance. Accustomed to the gusty, boisterous exploits of Radisson on Hudson Bay, or of Samuel de Champlain in New France, the semi-fabulous accounts of Jimmu Tenno and his long-unbroken dynasties were events too remote and confusing, too lacking in "punch" to be retained. Brought up in the Christian faith, with its simple service, its short hymns and prayers, its straightforwardness, the accounts of Shinto rites, of visits to shrines and temples, of Buddhist morality, these were too ethereal and solemnly dignified to be remembered.

If youth could look ahead! I *was* too young, too enthralled by the world about me, to look into the future. The present was full and there was no need to ask for more.

Perhaps, if the system in our little school had been such that it taught the language in terms of what was dear and true and familiar to

IN TERMS OF WHAT WAS DEAR

us—in terms of what we could see, hear, touch and experience—in terms of rolling prairies, of splendid snow-capped mountain peaks, of rugby games, of great engines and vast metropolises, I might have been able to say that my hours in Japanese school have been a definite asset.

As the world exists for me and for my comrades of that small-town Japanese school, English, no matter how perfect, is not enough. At best, my knowledge is but a smattering—and I limp along as best I can. If we were heedless of aged wisdom, what young child in love with life and the wonder of living it, is not? If we have built up a strong prejudice of love for what we understand and as strong a prejudice of dislike for what we could not comprehend, then the fault is not entirely and wholly ours.

Nisei Miss Will Go For Nylon Hosiery

By W. K. D.

Next in importance to "95c Day" to the Nisiette shopper this month will be the appearance in Vancouver stores of the long-awaited and much-talked-about "Nylon" hosiery. Just as the magic words, "95 cents" lure swarms of shoppers into the streets, so will the glamourized new kind of stocking bring out thousands of women, all looking for a new solution to their leg problems, and for the initial purchase of the synthetic product, the Nisiette lass will be in there hustling for her share.

Let's take a look at the nylon stocking and analyze it. What is it? Will it run? Will it snag? Will it wear longer than silk? Who makes it? And how does it look?

Nylon, according to the trade magazines, is a synthetic yarn developed by the famous DuPont de Nemours company in eastern United States. The yarn is made by a chemical process, which converts coal, air and water (yes, coal, air and water) into a continuous yarn.

LONGER WEAR

Will it run and snag, and bring headaches to today's modern miss? Yes it will. But the yarn being drawn and not spun, it is less liable to these faults than silk which is spun. The fibre is round, without any twist, and without any hair-like appendages such as thread has. Assuming that proper care is taken of a pair of nylon stockings, they will wear longer than silk.

According to one local Japanese merchant who travelled east recently, nylon stockings have proved excellent in wearing qualities. He remarked that the new synthetic stockings wear so well that the manufacturers are concerned over the possibility of a serious reduction in sales. At the same time, in certain instances nylon stockings have been advertised as being NOT snagproof and run-proof, to prevent later grief to women who think they've found the answer to their hosiery question.

More Facts . . . Nylon washes well, and dries in a jiffy, smooth and glossy, unlike silk. But it hasn't the same "warmness" of silk, and feels "clammy" on milady's appendages. Elasticity isn't as great, and those who wear garters may find their hose slipping through and downward. Perish the thought! On the other hand, nylon is sheer in weight, has strength and reacts favourably to dies.

One new word might confuse the Nisiette shopper—"denier." If the hose reads "30 denier, 45 guage," don't be alarmed, because denier simply means the thread thickness. Incidentally 30 corresponds to 2-thread, and 40 to 3-thread. Twist will be forgotten.

As for the question of price, don't let $1.65 a pair frighten you.

One tip for the Nisiette girl—Don't just ask for a pair of Nylon hose, because each branded line will differ in the same way as silk hosiery. Buy them by your favourite brand.

One thing more, you needn't rush to the nearest department store, because your local stores will have them at the same time. But you won't be able to be choosy about the colours. The mills have dyed them in only two or three colours, and these in summer shades. They're beige tones that Nisiette girls don't like.

Femme-Fare

By Cinderella

MEMO TO A BAISHAKUNIN

(Prince Charming, also, please note!)

Deep in the depths of every girl's heart there exists a dream man, an ideal which she has carried from the time when she first read of princes in shining armour, riding down out of purple sunset to rescue fair damsels in distress. That ideal changes constantly as we grow older and wiser, and whether he be tall, dark and handsome, or broad and athletic or boyishly naive, he is fundamentally one who falls in with our many moods—excitingly romantic when a Viennese waltz is played; a grand pal when our desire is to haunt hamburger stands and bowling alleys; a reservoir of interests when a fireplace and meditation is the mood; and dependable and helpful when there's work to do.

What? There ain't no sech critter? Then, we'll be satisfied with a Nisei boy—yes, satisfied with . . .

. . . a man, who does not believe he is the answer to a maiden's prayers; one who is fully aware of his shortcomings not to demand perfection; one who is tolerant and generous of our foibles and our idiosyncracies.

. . . a man who is not a male prototype of the "cackling hen"; one who has the decency not to regale his inquisitive comrades with what she said, and what he said, and how she reacted. He appreciates a girl's company enough not to hold her lightly.

. . . a man who is not smugly hypocritical—that queer creature who rants against the practice of scarlet finger-nails and vivid make-up, yet will appear at some gathering with a maid made up to out-rival the most exotic of Hollywood actresses—a far cry from the conservatism he so frankly admires.

. . . a man who is not a continual critic in the woman's realm; who does not burden the girl of the evening with how lovely so and so looks, what's wrong with so and so's gown. He appreciates but does not stoop so low a to meddle in a woman's sphere.

. . . a man who does not believe himself a perpetual wit, a second Jack Benny; one who does not make himself conspicuous.

. . . a man who does not make friendships of long standing an excuse for rudeness.

(Well, Prince Charming, had enough?)

And furthermore, we are "thumbs down" on . . .

gum chewing . . .

. . . nicotine stained fingers . . .

. . . dirty finger-nails . . .

. . . soiled shirt collars and cuffs . . .

. . . crease-less trousers . . .

. . . unpolished shoes . . .

. . . synthetic waves and permanents . . .

. . . oily, greasy looking, slicked down hair . . .

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Capital City Chatter

By Staff Correspondent

Those happy newly-weds Mr. and Mrs. Wataru Nakatsu of Steveston, spent the week-end honeymooning here and left for home last Monday by way of Nanaimo. Before her marriage, Mrs. Nakatsu was Miss Haruko Nishimura of Steveston.

Mr. Yoshimitsu Higashi, of The New Canadian staff, paid a whirlwind visit to Victoria last Monday—strictly business.

Two of our local Niseis are on the injured list: Toh Ioi has been home on a sick-leave from Paldi with an injured hand, while Tak Kuwabara is reported as having been in a bad accident up at Port Alberni. To both of these fellows we wish a very speedy recovery.

To the many inquiries that we've had during the last few days: May we remind the local members and the members-to-be, that the general meeting of the Victoria JCCL will most likely be held during the last week of the month.

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Vagaries: Come on folks, we dare you to top this: A lad of our acquaintance had the oldsters quite puzzled when they noticed him lugging a blowtorch on a concrete mixing job, but they practically dropped in their tracks when the noon-hour rolled around—for he took a can of vegetable soup out of his pocket, tourned the torch on it and calmly went about the business of eating a real hot lunch . . . Here's something that happened not so long ago: 'Twas at a dance and a certain Casanova waited a good hour and a half for his "date" and when finally she showed up after a long, long wait on his part, she was seen to dance her "first" dance with a "stag." Won't Cinderella please come forward and tell who was in the wrong? Of course our hint to the aforementioned "stag" is "You'd better start taking up road-work, brother!". Wanted: Some clue to the identity of a certain young mainlander who dropped into town—phoned one young lady and caught the next boat home—to Vancouver, and we don't mean Ocean Falls.

Terra Nova Y. P. Elects Officers

EBURNE, B.C.—Terra Nova Young People's Association held its annual meeting on Sunday, January 5, under the chairmanship of Hiroyuki Koyanagi.

Following the address by the past-president, Hideo Shimano, reading of reports by the treasurer and secretary, the election of officers for 1941 were held.

The new executive includes: Ryushin Koyanagi, president; Fujiko Suzuki, vice-president; Yoshio Shimano, treasurer; Kimiko Suzuki, secretary; and Yukio Koyanagi and Tadatoshi Koyanagi, auditors.

Langley Lyrics

By Staff Correspondent

Tea Party

On January 3, members of the Langley Nisei Club feted Mothers of the district at an afternoon tea at the Coghlan Japanese Hall. The singing portion of the program proved most entertaining as merry laughter and gay chattering filled the air.

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Christmas Party

The young Niseis celebrated Christmas Day in great style at the local hall. Games of every description, singing and ping pong were enjoyed by all. In the wee small hours of the next morning, friends reluctantly departed for home.

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Donations Acknowledged

The Langley Nisei Club wishes to acknowledge with gratitude the following donations: $2 each from Messrs. F. Takeda, K. K. Kinoshita, S. Eto, Y. Kitagawa, K. Fukumoto; and $1 from Messrs. K. Maeno, T. Maruno, and O. Shigehiro.

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Moving Picture

The Langley Nisei Club sponsored a very successful show at the local Japanese Hall on December 29. To the many friends from this district, Mt. Lehman, Pine Grove and Clayburn, the Club extends its sincerest thanks for the generous support.

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This and That

"If only Kaz were here" can be heard quite often. We sure missed you at Christmas . . . Who's calling someone Prince Charming? (Not Cinderella's guest columnist either.) Anyway, ping pong fans, you'll be able to play as soon as P. C. builds the table . . . Orchids to Aki for her good sportsmanship in starting the singing every time . . . Do you really mean it, Ege?—"You are my Sunshine."

Senji Sasaki Leads Sea Island JCCL

By Staff Correspondent

Sea Island Chapter of the Japanese Canadian Citizens' League opened the New Year with a banquet on New Year's day in the Acme Hall.

The banquet was opened with an address by the chairman and master of ceremonies, Takao Teshima, which was followed by a presidential address given by Harry Fukushima. Mr. Tomio Baba gave a report on the financial condition of the chapter.

Speeches were also heard from Wataru Koyanagi, Junshiro Yamaguchi and Yoneichi Maede.

Senji Sasaki, well-known as an energetic and capable leader, was entrusted with the responsibilities of the president's office in elections which followed. He will be assisted by the following executive:

Takeno Asari, vice-president; Yoneichi Maede, Tsuyuko Koyanagi, chairman; Toshio Matsui, Ayako Kamitakahara, Shigeshi Fukushima, Misao Koyanagi, secretaries; Yoshio Teshima, Yoshiko Hommura, auditors.

Convenors chosen include Noboru Baba and Akiko Kamitakahara, educational; Yasuyuki Higo and Mutsuko Miramimaye, social; and Yukio Higo and Amiko Hommura, sports.

Ganges Gleanings

By P. Hirano

Luke Murakami was elected to the office of president at the annual election meeting of the Ganges Young People's Club held recently. Other officers chosen include: Victor Okano, vice-president; Mary Murakami, secretary-treasurer; Ruth Hirano, social convenor; and Paul Hirano, corresponding secretary.

Business matters followed the election, with plans being laid for the number of meetings and their location. It was also decided that the write-ups for the Ganges Nisei should be called, "Ganges Gleanings" and that the corresponding secretary should send them in.

Later in the evening refreshments were served.

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On December 31, at the home of Mr. and Mrs. S. Hirano, a party was held in honour of their daughter and son-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. H. Hayashi of Vancouver. Many friends attended, among them being one of the former members of the "Seinenkai," Ruby Numajiri, home for the holidays from Vancouver.

Mark Mikado, another member of the club, came home for a holiday at the home of his parents.

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Prince Rupert Patter

PRINCE RUPERT, B. C. — Once again the Nisei are looking forward to a brighter and more hopeful year. As one of them, through this column patter, I should like to extend to all best wishes for a happy 1941. May it bring the realization of some of our hopes!

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Christmas Tree

December 26 was a big day at the St. Andrew's Japanese Mission, with the annual Christmas Tree, sponsered by the Mothers' Guild Club. Featured in the program were the tiny tots from the St. Andrew's Sunday School, as well as Mary Nonoyama, Sachi Tsumura and Kazuo Hamasaki, who rendered hymns for the occasion.

Miss Lang showed the lantern slide features, "Ben Hur" and "Robin's Christmas Cheer," which were enjoyed by the older people. Santa arrived to distribute presents to the happy children, who had awaited his appearance all evening.

Hail the New Year!

A gay farewell to 1940 and a glad welcome to 1941 was enjoyed by the local community in many different ways, weather man helping with flurries of snow, but brilliant sunshine on January 1.

"Akemashite Omedeto," "Happy New Year" could be heard from the lips of many young Nisei making their New Year rounds.

In the evening at the Japanese Hall the New Year dance was given by the C. C. Y. O. in the form of a masquerade party. In a beautifully decorated hall the young people danced fox trots and waltzes to the strains of Suehiro's orchestra.

After the dance Mr. and Mrs. Sol Kadonaga played hosts to the older Nisei at the Boston Cabaret.

Travellers and Trippers

Returning home for the holidays was Miss Nori Yamanaka, who is visiting her parents here. Another well-known visitor was Tomo Katsuyama, who arrived from the Queen Charlotte Islands.

Welcome visitors too, from the Queen Charlottes were Mr. and Mrs. Sol Kadonaga, who arrived in the city aboard their tug "Kelco."

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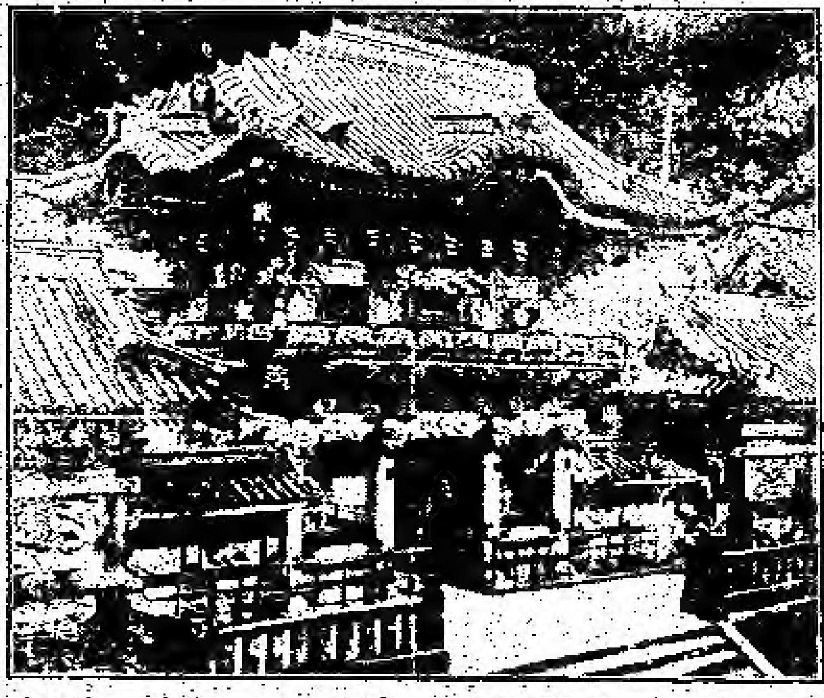

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Gakuyukai To Dedicate Anniversary Magazine To Principal Sato

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...Headlining the Gakuyukai's activities for the coming ...will be a dedication ceremony at which the organiza...'s long-awaited silver anniversary magazine, "The Ga...ru," will be dedicated to Principal Tsutae Sato in recog...n of his invaluable assistance to the society. Copies of ...publication will be distributed among members at the ...thering.

Not content to rest on their ...rels gained last year, ...mbers of the Gakuyukai ...lined additional plans at ...ir annual general meet... the Japanese School last ...nday.

Shelved temporarily due to ...lack of time, the question ...making a badge embodying ...spirit of the Gakuyukai has ...n taken up again. The de...s of design of the badge has ...n left in the capable hands of Sam Yamada. Plans are also being discussed to raise funds for the purchase of a movie projector.

In an effort to repeat last year's success the society will again sponsor an intramural oratorical contest which will be held some time in May.

The second part of the program was given over to entertainment that featured a quizz program on current events and popular music arranged by Yoshio Matsui and Roy Kumano respectively. The musical quizz with Roy Kumano and Lily Ide supplying a novel harmonica-piano musical background captured the audience.

Board of Officers

Elected to the board of officers for the coming year were: Harry S. Kondo, Yoshio Matsui, Kiyoshi Suga, Shigeharu Okumura, Kaz Suga, Blackie Okuno, Toshio Bando, Yutaka Okimura, Don Sugiman and Roy Kumano.

Girls chosen were: Haruko Maruno, Pat Kawajiri, Kimi Hirota, Hisako Tobo, Fumiko Saito, Rose Sato, Itsuko Igashira, Lily Sato, Hideyo Iguchi and Yukiko Tsushima.

The new executive members will be meeting Friday, January 24, at the Japanese School to map out the year's program in detail and to elect the president and other officers from their own ranks.

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Celtic Nisei Prepare for Year of Progress

Making a resolute bid to start the New Year right, the Celtic Kyorei Kai held an early annual meeting on January 12.

Unanimously adopting resolutions requiring the swearing-in of officers and members and making meetings more formal and "business-like," the members seemed eager to do everything in their power to make the coming year an outstanding one for the five-year-old organization.

After hearing excellently prepared reports by the treasurer and secretary, members elected the following officers:

Tak Kano, president; Susumu Miki, chairman; Kikuye Oseki, secretary, and Miyoko Yamamoto, treasurer.

In his brief address preceding adjournment, S. Miki showed promise of becoming the kind of leader that the "Kai" has long sought.

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May we express here our belated congratulations and best wishes for happiness to the recently married couple, Mr. and Mrs. Shigeharu Endo (nee Naru Shigematsu), whose wedding took place on December 27.

RED CROSS News Notes

Packing of parcels of food for British and Canadian prisoners-of-war in Germany was begun last week in Toronto by the Canadian Red Cross Society. Five thousand food parcels, each weighing about 11¼ pounds and containing well-balanced diet, will be packed in Toronto each week, and shortly another 5000 per week will be packed in Montreal.

This undertaking of 10,000 food parcels per week will cost the Canadian Red Cross about a million and a half dollars a year and was one of the main items stressed in the Society's recent national appeal for funds.

The International Red Cross guarantees safe delivery of the parcels. Parcels will be sent to New York and then to Lisbon by American boats. There they will be taken over by the International Red Cross, shipped to Geneva, and thence to its representatives stationed in Germany, who will handle distribution.

Nisei Bowlers Issue First Magazine

SAN FRANCISCO. — The first magazine of its kind ever attempted by any group, advance copies of the Nisei Bowler's World, 1941 is now off the press. A 40-page affair, the magazine is devoted exclusively to the new sport that has caught the fancy of the Nisei up and down the Pacific Coast. Included in the magazine is a compilation of averages from every Japanese league in the United States.

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Hustling Mikados Trim Touted Tuxis

The highly-touted league-leading Tuxis squad of the junior basket loop suffered their first licking of the season last Saturday night, as a hustling fourth-place Fairview quintette bowled them over 38-30 in the surprise upset of the year.

In the second junior tussle, Muneo Miike's junior Marpole five hit the win column for the first time as they eked out a 27-26 triumph over the still-to-win Trojans.

Outhustle Tuxis

Outhustling the league-leaders, the boys from Fairview broke through again and again and at the finish of the first canto they led with a comfortable margin of 16-4. The appearance of Tuxis Manager, Jimmy Suzuki in the second quarter instilled fire in the church group as they closed the big gap to within a single basket.

Right through the second half, Tuxis tried desperately to overtake the leaders but the eventual victors always managed to keep a couple of baskets ahead.

Basket-for-basket

The Marpole-Trojan scrap was a basket-for-basket encounter with both teams playing their hearts out for their first victory. The teams scored in spurts swinging the lead back and forth. Leading 18-17 at the end of the third quarter Trojans failed to hold the lead as Marpole outscored them 10 points to 8.

Matsuba, slippery little Trojan sparkplug who has a beautiful hook-shot, was high scorer with 11 points.

Tuxis—Hyodo 5, Hatashita 2, Tsushima 2, Takimoto, Simahara 6, Ochiai 10, Shimotakahara 2—30.

Fairview—M. Nishikawa 2, Ohashi 9, Saisho 10, Hori, Tomonoga 6, T. Nishikawa 4, Maeda 7—38.

Marpole—Seki 3, Fujioka 5, Uchiyama 6, Nakazawa 4, M. Ono, T. Ono, Furukawa 2, Arima 6, Kuwabara 1—27.

Trojans—Matsuba 11, Yamabe 5, Uyeno, Fujioka 5, Yamasaki 3, Tanemura, Araki, Igashira 2—26.

Cagette Loop

Silver Shirts Win One At Last!

The condition of the cagette squads seem to vary like the weather. One week they're sizzling hot and the next they're cold. Last week the Blubelles took the league-leading Cardinals for a ride, shellacking them 32-15 but the tables were turned this week when they suffered a licking at the hands of the winless Silver 7's, 14-7.

May Yoshinaka, who switched from the Blubelles to the Silver 7's with the mutual consent of both managers in order to balance the teams, proved a big help to the hitherto winless white-shirts and a big loss to the blue-shirts.

The game was the worst exhibition of hoopla the girls ever played. Silver 7's did all the scoring until the half time, 4 baskets in all without a single reply from the Bluebelles. After the rest, Marge Kusakabe chalked up 5 quick points and Pat Kawajiri 2 points to draw within a single point of the leaders, but that was as far as they got. Silver 7's breezed in three more baskets to put the game away.

May Yoshinaka took the scoring honors with 6 points while Sally Kitaguchi and Joyce Ikeda chalked up 4 apiece for the Silver 7's. Marge Kusakabe topped the losers with 5 and Pat Kawajiri scored the only other basket.

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Short-handed Maikawas Hand M. & N. Crew Fifth Defeat

Marpole, Monarchs Fight Torrid Tussle

What's the matter with the M. N. squad? If you have a solution to that problem just see Coach Ken Fujioka; he'll try anything. On the paper they've got a championship team, but on the maple court they look like duds. They've got many name-players, George Suzuki, George Ide, Kay Irano, Tommy Nobuoka and many others, but somehow they can't seem to click. Last Tuesday night they suffered their fifth defeat in six starts at the hands of the short-handed Maikawa crew, 32-29.

Maikawas, playing with only one substitute, seemed destined for another defeat when hard-working Mike Maruno twisted his ankle at the start of the third quarter, but somehow they managed to stay in the lead and finished with a three-point victory margin.

Hefty Koei Mitsui collected the scoring honors with 13 points while Kay Hirano ran a close second with an even dozen.

Marpole Bests Monarchs

The best game of the week was the Marpole-Monarch tussle. These two championship rivals went at it hammer and longs, but the defending champs hold a slight edge in the scoring. The score was tied 19-all in the third quarter, when flashy Sub Miike popped in three field goals, turning the tide of the game and finally stretching the lead to 37-25 at the finish of the game.

Leading the Monarch attack was Toru Tokawa with 12 points to his credit. Sub Miike, Marpole's sparkplug, came second with 11.

Steveston Stop Nomads

Steveston intermediates took revenge on Nomads last Wednesday for their defeat earlier in the season. The sloppy-shooting Nomads heckled from the sidelines by fiery Coach Joe Akiyama fell to a miserable 35-15 shellacking. Says Joe after the game, "I'm going to get a new team next week!" Nomads worked the ball in nicely many times, but their shooting was way below par, as they missed one setup after another.

Celtics broke into the win column again this week, downing the cellar-position Nippatsus, 27-18. The two Kano brothers led the Celtic attack, scoring 19 of the 27 points between them.

Japanese Fencers To Clash And Club In Steveston Meet

The famous, old Japanese art of fencing will come into prominence again this Saturday. The Steveston Buddhist Hall will again be jammed to capacity crowd as the Steveston Yoseikan under the auspices of the Steveston J.C.C.A. hold their annual All-Canada Kendo Championship Tourney.

From "Yodans" to "Shodans," kendoists of every calibre from Vancouver, Steveston, Nakanoshiku and other outlying districts are expected to enter this classic event of the year.

The beautiful and much-coveted Nemichi Challenge Cup donated by Consul Nemichi, three years ago, will be the much-sought-after prize that will go to the title-holder of the All-Canada Kendo Yudansha Champion.

Senior contestants will battle for the Steveston Japanese Association Cup, while the speedy diminutive juniors will try to outdo their opponents for the silver cup donated by the Steveston Young Men's Association.

Steveston Bests Strathcona as Y.P. & G.Y.K. Draw

Very closely matched, and hard-fought sets featured the shuttle front last Tuesday as the Japanese Leaguers went into their last lap of the Japanese Badminton League schedule.

Coming down the home-stretch neck-and-neck for shuttle supremacy are the perennial rivals, the Powell Y.P.S. and Gakuyukai. These two squads battled it out to a 4-4 deadlock in their last league game while Steveston crashed into the win column with a well-earned win over Strathcona, 5-4.

In the close Y.P.S.-Gakuyukai tussle, the Japanese School graduates proved their supremacy in the men's doubles. Veteran Japanese leaguers Sawada Machida and Maikawa-Oshimo proved too classy for the church group and cleaned up on all their games, but alas, the GYK mixed doubles did not fare so well. Kaichi Nagata paired with Rose Miyazaki and Kiyoshi Suga and Jane Koyanagi, newcomers this year to the Japanese League, fell easy prey to the tough Y.P.S. duos Toru Uyede-Toiko Ide and Jimmy Kumagai-Chiyo Hyodo.

The Strathcona - Steveston affair was a merry mixup. You couldn't make head or tail of the whole evening's proceedings. One duo would lick the stuffings out of one team, then turn around and take a beating from a relatively weaker combination. Each pair had a win to their credit.

With the evening's battle deuced at 4-all, the final men's doubles between Mas Toyota-Shig Yamashita and Fred Nishi-Hiroshi Nishi, settled the deadlock as the Steveston lads out-shuttled the local boys to a 15-10 victory.

Mens' Doubles:

Sawada-Machida bt. D. Arikado-Fujita 24-22; and Fujioka-Ide 21-8; Maikawa-Oshimo bt. Arikado-Fujita 21-1? and Fujioka-Ide 21-9.

Mixed Doubles:

Uyede-Ide bt. Nagata-Miyazaki 21-1? and Suga-Koyanagi 21-10; Kumagai-Hyodo bt. Nagata-Miyazaki 21-1?, and Suga-Koyanagi 21-10.

Mens' Doubles:

Hagino-Oye? bt. Nakade-Matsuda 21-1?; Kumano-Ono bt. Sogawa-Oda 21-1?; Nakade-Matsuda bt. [illegible] 21-?; Sogawa-Oda bt. [illegible] 21-1?; F. Nishi-H. Nishi bt. Toyota-Yamashita 15-10.

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N.W. Taiiku Club Plans Nisei Gymn

NEW WESTMINSTER, B.C.—A first-class gymnasium catering to the needs of the Niseis of this city was envisioned here Sunday, when members of the Taiiku Club met at the Queensborough Japanese School for their annual election meeting.

After much heated discussion and careful deliberation, it was decided to begin the establishment of a sinking fund to be devoted to that purpose.

Frank Oda, active athlete and leader, was elected as president to guide the activities of the club during the forthcoming year.

The meeting opened with retiring president Toshio Nishijima in the chair. Commenting upon the Club's progress during the past year, he expressed thanks for the loyal support he had received from executives and members alike. Annual reports were heard from English Secretary Frank Oda, Japanese Secretary Toby Shinohara and Treasurer Kaz Iwasa.

A feature of the meeting was the awarding of "Most Valuable Player" titles for the 1940 baseball season to the following stars: Frank Oda for the senior team, Mas Matsuda for the Taiiku Giants; and Tak Katakami for the Juniors.

Considerable discussion ensued as to ways and means of raising funds, but definite details were left to the new executive. New officers elected include: M. "Sock" Seki, English secretary; Mits Ikegami, Japanese secretary; Kaz Iwasa, treasurer; Min Ola, assistant treasurer; Toby Shinohara and Tak Katakami, auditors; Bo Yokota, sports convenor; and Yoshi Akazawa, social convenor.

Sport Spotlite

Y.Y. Reaches City Ping Pong Semi

What miserable weather! This weather would certainly be fitting for a duck, but 'ugh' on press days, it's as welcome as a bad headache. Weather as we have been having lately is certainly no help to outdoor sportsmen. On such days, we thank God for what we have. We hear a lot of complaints. The gym's too small, the lights are bad, the air is foul, and many, many others, but what would we do if we didn't have even a small gym. Where would all the fellows who come to the gym on Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday and Saturday go to occupy themselves? Perhaps loiter around on street corners and up the devil knows where. Yes sir, even our small gym is something to be grateful for. Of course a much larger and more modern gymnasium would be much appreciated, but then we can't have everything.

On such days when my duties are over at the gym and have time to waste, my favorite pastime is looking down the snooker cue. Now I know what you're thinking, snooker or anything like it is bad. I know many people who go up in the air at the thought of their sons going to such places, but let me tell you something. If the game is played just for the game itself I can't see what's wrong. Sometime the environment isn't too healthy and sometimes unsavory characters can be seen loafing around, but then if you played in classier halls—where big business men and well-to-do people play, then you'd change your mind right away. The game itself is one of the best, it requires a great deal of skill, concentration and coolness of nerve and you have to use your brains, too.

Table Tennis

The only sport the Japanese have ever maintained equal standard with their Occidental friends is Table Tennis, and this week, the stalwart Mikado trio, Bing Tanaka, Yoichi Yasui and Yoshi Kozai once again entered the Vancouver City Table Championship tournament held at the Pender Bowling Alleys.

The first to fall out of the running was Yoshi Kozai who survived the first round but had the misfortune of meeting defending champion Bill Keenlyside in the second round.

Bill Keenlyside claimed his second victim last night in the quarter-finals when he ousted Nipponese No. 1 paddler Bing Tanaka from the running.

The biggest surprise of all was the amazing triumphs of slamming "Y. Y." Yasui. He scored the biggest upset of the tournament by defeating Harold Keenlyside, one of the top-notch paddlers in town in the 2nd round.

Last night Yasui reached the semi-finals by defeating Jim Bennie, 21-12, 16-21, 21-19, 24-22. If Yasui can break down the strong Keenlyside defence he has an even chance of taking the championship.

The Nipponese stars, "Bing" and "Y. Y.", once co-holders of the doubles championship, still remained undefeated and have reached the semis. Here's wishing you the best of luck boys. Bring home the silverware.

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